

## Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A configurable RAID subsystem includes a user data array connected to a user  
application via a block I/O path, and a configuration array connected to a  
configuration application via the same block I/O path. The user data array  
processes user data access commands executed by the user application; and the  
configuration application processes configuration commands, the user data access  
10 commands and the configuration commands communicated to the user data array  
and the configuration array respectively, via the block I/O path. A dynamic  
identification is assigned to the user data array by the configuration array, and a  
static identification is assigned to the configuration array.